



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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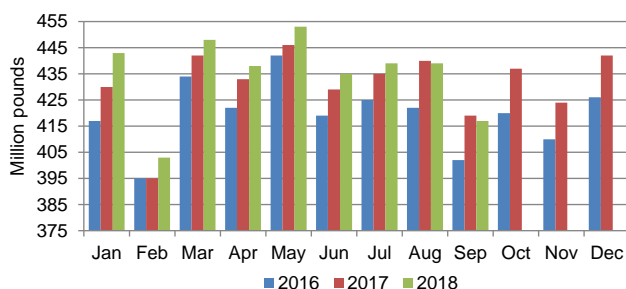
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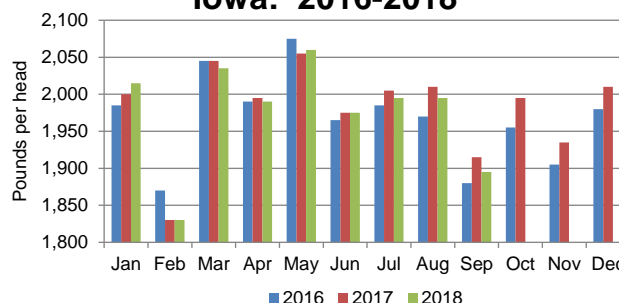
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Milk production in Iowa during September 2018 totaled 417 million pounds, down slightly from the previous September according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during September, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month, but 1,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,895 pounds, down 20 pounds from last September.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2016-2018**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: September 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	205	204	1,820	1,800	373	367	-1.6
California	1,745	1,734	1,760	1,855	3,071	3,217	4.8
Colorado	162	176	2,135	2,135	346	376	8.7
Florida	123	118	1,400	1,330	172	157	-8.7
Idaho	603	607	2,025	2,045	1,221	1,241	1.6
Illinois	93	90	1,600	1,540	149	139	-6.7
Indiana	187	183	1,820	1,760	340	322	-5.3
Iowa	219	220	1,915	1,895	419	417	-0.5
Kansas	152	160	1,880	1,870	286	299	4.5
Michigan	428	422	2,100	2,085	899	880	-2.1
Minnesota	457	451	1,740	1,790	795	807	1.5
New Mexico	331	327	1,965	2,005	650	656	0.9
New York	624	621	1,925	1,950	1,201	1,211	0.8
Ohio	264	255	1,710	1,660	451	423	-6.2
Oregon	123	122	1,675	1,690	206	206	0.0
Pennsylvania	525	517	1,655	1,610	869	832	-4.3
South Dakota	118	121	1,820	1,825	215	221	2.8
Texas	515	539	1,855	1,930	955	1,040	8.9
Utah	97	99	1,910	1,920	185	190	2.7
Vermont	128	126	1,710	1,720	219	217	-0.9
Virginia	87	82	1,580	1,505	137	123	-10.2
Washington	274	277	1,965	1,985	538	550	2.2
Wisconsin	1,277	1,273	1,930	1,975	2,465	2,514	2.0
23-State Total	8,737	8,724	1,850	1,880	16,162	16,405	1.5

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from September 2017. August revised production at 17.2 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from August 2017. The August revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,880 pounds for September, 30 pounds above September 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of September since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 13,000 head less than September 2017, and 12,000 head less than August 2018.

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 54.0 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.38 million head, 27,000 head less than the April - June quarter, and 27,000 head less than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

